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[redacted] furnished certain information which is not complete. The data furnished was apparently made available to the Soviets by Harold Glasser and dealt with a telegram sent by a State Department representative in Helsinki on June 1 (probably 1945). The telegram was reportedly entered (or possibly sent) under the name Wolf (or possibly Volk) and was addressed to the State Department. (S) (U)

A portion of the contents of this telegram is as follows: "The following communication has been sent to Madrid under number 97, to Berne under number two and to Stockholm under number 73. According to information received from a source of undetermined reliability two Germans - Willi Daugs (known agent) and Otto Enrich protected their property in Finland, In Zurich an American E. V. Dwight...." (S) (U)

It is requested that, through sources available to you at the State Department, you make efforts to secure a copy of the telegram in question for the assistance of [redacted] and handling. (S) (U)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58068)

FROM :

SAC, WFO (65-5044)

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Bulet dated 5/21/58 in the above captioned matter requested the WFO to review information previously developed concerning ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, and WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN for the purpose of developing logical suspects for unknown subjects, with aliases "Page" and "Peak". It was requested that particular attention should be given to any contact of SILVERMASTER who might be in a position to influence a person holding a relatively high position in a government agency. (S) (U)

The following information has been received from [redacted] concerning "Page" and "Peak" as well as related subjects. (S) (U)

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A mention was made of "HAROLD GLASSER" (probably HAROLD GLASSER). It was stated that someone was temporarily abroad and this person was well known to "Storm" (undoubtedly a representative of the "Perlo Group").

6/24/44: (S) (U)

"May" reported that according to "Page's" information, President ROOSEVELT's recommendation to reorganize "Raz" government (possibly DE GAULLE's government) was explained by his desire to compel something or other not known to the Source. There was mention of a more liberal position with respect to the colonies, and it may have been this which President ROOSEVELT allegedly desired to compel. It was stated that "Page" expressed certainty that ROOSEVELT told something not further explained.

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8/31/44:

The MGB Representative in New York advised his Moscow superior that a proposal by Moscow for using "Aileron" (believed to be ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN) as a group leader could not be realized at that time inasmuch as the government had decided to transfer "Aileron's" and "Donald's" (believed to be WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN) Branch to a provincial town which would make it all but impossible to use them. In order to remain in Washington, D. C. "Aileron", according to the MGB Representative, proposed to resign and obtain through "Robert" (NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER) a situation in his establishment.

The MGB Representative noted that "Page", who was "virtually" the master of the establishment, was in strained relations with "Aileron" and would evidently be against taking him on. It was noted that "Robert" hoped to influence "Page" through "Peak". The MGB Representative further noted that "Robert" admitted that a concentration of people in one establishment was unadvisable but thought that this was the only thing to do at the time. It was noted that for "Donald", who was in military service, postponement was impossible, and that he and "Aileron" had undertaken fresh intelligence tasks which possibly consisted of exploring the prospects of transferring to another branch that was remaining in Washington.

10/14/44:

A mention was made of "Page" having been in contact with "Aileron" and that "Robert" did not know Chinese.

12/29/44:

The MGB Resident Agent in New York City advised his headquarters in Moscow of the receipt of films of "Pik's" ("Peak's") materials concerning the progress of the United States' talks with Great Britain about Lend Lease

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during the second phase of the war. The Source believed these films were possibly five in number and were possibly received from "Robert." "May" mentioned that the talks apparently had some connection with the Quebec Agreement and said they had been progressing satisfactorily under the chairmanship of "Nabob" (HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.) when they were unexpectedly discontinued at the end of November (1944). "May" reported that the reason for the discontinuance was supposedly the influence of HARRY L. HOPKINS applied through OSCAR COX, the representative of the Foreign Economic Administration (OSCAR SYDNEY COX, Deputy Administrator, FEA) but actually it was clear that the talks were discontinued at the behest of President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, who earlier had been favorably disposed on this question. "May" then stated something about President ROOSEVELT and "Per's" (probably Prime Minister WINSTON CHURCHILL, who was previously known under the cover name of "Boar") attempts to set up something, not further described, and also mentioned a consequent anti-"Per" Policy. This information was concluded with a note from the MGB Office in New York which was believed by the Source to have something to do with "Robert" for obtaining confirmation.

1/18/45:

Source advised that on this date the MGB Resident Agent in New York City informed "Victor" (possibly PAVLO MIHAYLOVICH FITIN) at MGB Headquarters, Moscow, that according to information furnished by "Robert" there might be a chance of securing from "Richard" (HARRY DEXTER WHITE) the appointment of "Ruble" (probably new cover name for HAROLD GLASSER) to the position held by "Richard", inasmuch as "Richard" would soon be appointed "Assistant Secretary". "May" also advised

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that "Robert" had repeatedly proposed that "Ruble" be turned over to him, and "May" pointed out that in the light of the information available to the MGB in New York, "Robert" could get better results from "Ruble" than "our line". "May" related that "Robert" suspected that "Ruble" was connected with "us" through other Communist Party channels. "May" said that "Albert" (unidentified) emphasized that "Ruble" was passive in the "Raider" (probably VICTOR PERLO) Group though "Ruble" could have given valuable material. "May" also said that some months ago "Robert" had complained that "Ruble" was somehow hiding important documents from "Gene" (possibly SONIA GOLD). It was stated that "Robert", according to "May" had always been against appointing in one department two of "our" groups (apparently meaning workers in different MGB Groups) and therefore was asking that MGB Probationers (workers) of different MGB Groups in "Richard's" department be under his leadership to avoid misunderstanding. "May" stated that "Robert" did not want to promote "Ruble" to "Richard's" post unless he was to take "Ruble" into his group. "May" also pointed out, on the other hand, that "Robert" was not quite certain that he would be able to get "Ruble" into this position because it was possible that someone else was already being considered for it.

2/25/45:

The MGB Headquarters in Moscow advised the MGB Representative in New York that, according to information available, there was some question, which is not clear to the source, about "Peak's" belonging to "Robert's" Group. The MGB Representative then referred to an abnormal occurrence, the details of which are not available, and concluded that on the basis of these facts, the MGB in New York considered "Albert's" liaison with "Robert" and some other unidentified liaison in "Robert's" Group to be not well organized operationally. The MGB in Moscow then

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proposed that someone (possibly the MGB Representative in New York) carefully discuss the question of photographing materials received as well as other matters which are not available from the Source.

6/21/45:

The MGB in Washington, D. C., made available to the MGB in Moscow certain information attributed to "Ruble". Material supplied by "Ruble" consisted of a letter written on 3/8/45 by a London employee of OSS (possibly GERSTLE MACK) to a U.S. Treasury Representative in England. Several persons were enumerated who had sent Nazi funds abroad through other than normal banking channels.

6/28/45:

"Rouble" ("Ruble") furnished material to the MGB Representative which was subsequently transmitted from Washington, D. C., to MGB Headquarters in Moscow. The material made available by "Rouble" involved an interoffice memo of the Treasury Department apparently prepared by J. B. FRIEDMAN on 6/18/45. The MGB also furnished an excerpt from this memo reflecting that on 6/18/45 Major WHEELER GREY, listed questions in connection with a discussion held at the Treasury Department on 6/14/45. The information concerned postwar treatment of German war criminals.

The WFO in line with Bureau instructions has again reviewed information developed concerning GEORGE SILVERMAN, GREGORY SILVERMASTER and LUDWIG ULLMAN, with particular attention being given to highly placed contacts of SILVERMASTER.

the [redacted] is of course realized that much of information tends to confirm information previously received from ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY.

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BENTLEY and her Soviet superiors during the pertinent period exercised control over two Soviet espionage groups known as the "SILVERMASTER Group" and the "PERLO Group" as well as of other miscellaneous individuals, all of whom were furnishing information for the USSR.

It will be recalled that the SILVERMASTER Group consisted of SILVERMASTER and his wife HELEN, along with HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE, WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, SONIA STEINMAN GOLD, and her husband BELA GOLD, SCHLOMER ("Sol") MADLER, IRVING KAPLAN, NORMAN CHANDLER BURSNER, and ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV. The "PERLO Group" consisted of HAROLD GLASSER, SOLOMON AARON LISCHINSKY, VICTOR PERLO, EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD, CHARLES KRAMER, HARRY SAMUEL MAGDOFF, GEORGE N. PERAZICH, ALLAN ROBERT ROSENBERG, and DONALD NIVEN WHEELER.

With regards to the positions held by the various individuals involved during the pertinent period it is noted that from March 26, 1942 until August 18, 1945, GEORGE SILVERMAN was employed as Chief Production Specialist, Material Division, Army Air Forces. From August, 1945, to September, 1946, SILVERMAN was with the French Supply Council.

On 7/21/44 SILVERMASTER was detailed to the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department from the Farm Security Agency. SILVERMASTER continued in this status until 12/29/44, at which time he formally transferred to the Office of Surplus Property, Procurement Division, Treasury Department.

As of 5/1/44 GLASSER was designated as an Assistant Director of the Monetary Research Division, Treasury Department, under the immediate direction of WHITE.

The New York Times newspaper on 9/1/43 reported that LEO CROWLEY had borrowed LAUCHLIN CURRIE, Presidential Aide, to be an executive official of the Board of Economic Warfare. On 10/27/43 it was further reported that the Board of Economic Warfare, Lend Lease, Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, and the Foreign Procurement Division, were all consolidated into a new agency known as the Foreign Economic Administration. LAUCHLIN CURRIE was appointed Deputy Administrator of the new agency.

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The 2/21/48 issue of the Washington Times Herald newspaper on Page Two, in an article which concerned CURRIE, pointed out that CURRIE had resigned his White House position in June, 1945. ~~(S)~~ (U)

In January, 1942, COE was appointed as Executive Secretary with the Board of Economic Warfare (later known as the Foreign Economic Administration). On 2/16/45 COE was appointed as Director of the Monetary Research Division, Treasury Department, from the position of Assistant Director, Office of Economic Program, Foreign Economic Administration. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 6/20/34 WHITE was appointed as an Economic Analyst in the Treasury Department. On 5/25/38 he was appointed Director of Monetary Research. In the early 1940's WHITE was promoted to "Assistant to the Secretary" of Treasury. In January, 1945, WHITE was appointed "Assistant Secretary" of Treasury. ~~(S)~~ (U)

~~(S)~~ (U) A literal interpretation of the 8/31/44 information from [] would probably result in "Page" being identified as WHITE, the latter being "virtually" the head of the Treasury Department. However, WHITE, according to the Source, was known under the following cover names: ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Since the cover name "Page" was first used 6/24/44 and last used 10/14/44, and these dates are encompassed by the dates of uses of the above cover names for WHITE, it appears unlikely that "Page" could be an additional cover name for WHITE. The Source information dated 1/18/45 includes references to both "Ruble" and "Richard". Inasmuch as the cover names "Ruble" and "Page" are considered cover names for GLASSER, the fact that "Ruble" and "Richard" are mentioned in the same message would absolutely preclude the possibility of WHITE being identical with "Ruble" ("Page"). ~~(S)~~ (U)

No new information bearing on this matter has come to the attention of the WFO with the exception of the Source information on 2/25/45 to the effect that there was some question which was not clear about "Peak" belonging to ~~(S)~~ (U)

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"Robert's" Group. At the moment this defies analysis as both CURRIE and COE were members of the SILVERMASTER Group. COE was possibly a more active operating member of the group than CURRIE; was a Communist Party member; and was probably a closer personal acquaintance of GLASSER than was CURRIE. CURRIE on the other hand was evidently the more highly placed of the two in government circles. ~~(S)~~ ~~(X)~~ ~~(U)~~ (U)

The report of SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL dated 1/27/56 captioned "HARRY DEXTER WHITE; ESP - R" sets forth a review of file copies of Treasury Department material maintained by WHITE while employed in the Treasury Department. Pages 282, 366, 394, 452, 453 and 456 of the report concerns phases of British Lend Lease. From a review of this material it is clear that both COE and CURRIE participated in Treasury Department Lend Lease discussions in 1944. ~~(S)~~ ~~(X)~~ ~~(U)~~ (U)

The WFO report on WHITE dated 1/27/56 reflects on Page 319 that among material maintained by WHITE at the Treasury Department was an undated nine page memo from HAROLD GLASSER to MORGENTHAU entitled "Report on Assignment to Italy - April and May, 1944" reflecting that GLASSER assisted in the Allied Control Commission in the study of inflation in Italy and in the preparation of a program designed to control inflation. ~~(S)~~ ~~(X)~~ ~~(U)~~ (U)

On Page 320 of the above report it is set forth that a memo to MORGENTHAU from EDWARD M. BERNSTEIN dated 12/19/44, captioned "Report of Treasury Representatives Returned From Abroad" reflected that during 1944 eleven Treasury Representatives who reported to WHITE, returned from missions abroad. These representatives included HAROLD GLASSER who returned from Italy on 6/3/44 where he was assisting the Allied Control Commission; WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, who returned from England on 8/16/44, and SOLOMON ADLER (SCHLOMER ADLER) who returned from China on 7/7/44. ~~(S)~~ ~~(X)~~ ~~(U)~~ (U)

On Page 344 of this report there is set forth the fact that WHITE in a memo dated 9/9/43 to a Colonel HASKELL requested air priority from Algiers to Washington for HAROLD GLASSER described as the Treasury Department's senior representative in French Africa. ~~(S)~~ ~~(X)~~ ~~(U)~~ (U)

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Consideration of the identities of "Page" and "Peak" has previously been the subject of rather extensive investigation by the WFO in the cases "Unknown Subject, was.: 'Pik', 'Peak' (SOVME); ESP - R", (Bureau File 65-60328) and "Unknown Subject, was.: 'Page', 'Pazh' (SOVME); ESP - R", (Bureau file 65-60180). (S) (X) (U) (C)

The WFO reports of SA FRANCIS J. DUANE dated 11/16/51 and 1/31/52 under the Unsub, was. "Page" captions sets forth the results of considerable research conducted in efforts to identify "Peak" and "Page". The information concerning these two unknown subjects is admittedly not susceptible to certain identification. Nevertheless the cogency of the analysis and conclusions reached in these reports can hardly be denied. These reports suggested the possibility that HAROLD GLASSER is identical with "Page" and either LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE or VIRGINIUS FRANK COE is identical with "Peak". (S) (X) (U) (C)

As evidenced by the investigation previously conducted in the above cases, it is believed that the identities of "Page" and "Peak" cannot be finally proven unless additional identifying information concerning them becomes available from [redacted] (S) (X) (U) (C) It is opinion of the WFO that further investigation into the matter of identifying "Peak" and "Page" at this time would prove futile. (S) (X) (U) (C)

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